

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (K-4)**

In the early years, stress is placed upon:

1. Social awareness and social adjustment within the framework of the family, school and the community.
2. Community awareness through the use of discussion, maps, pictures, field trips, and speakers.
3. The development of geographic skills through the practical use of maps and globes.
4. The geographical study of cultures and customs of people throughout the community.
5. The influence of geographic factors on the historical development of a nation and cultural diversity within the global spectrum.
- \*6. Fostering in each student a sense of individual worth and value to society.
- \*7. Recognition of student responsibilities and obligations and the importance of good citizenship.

\*It is assumed that these objectives are stressed in all disciplines and not just social studies exclusively.

In the middle grades, emphasis is placed upon:

1. A demonstration that history is a continuous and interrelated process.
2. An understanding of government, political processes, and decision making.
3. Continuation of map and globe skills and a working knowledge of world and U.S. geography.
4. The acquisition of research skills and the formulation of good study habits, note taking skills, and the ability of making sound judgments.

## **TEACHING STAFF**

### **Elementary**

All

### **Middle**

6

## **GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY OF THE PROGRAM**

In the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program (M.E.A.P.), testing done in Grades 4 and 8 in social studies in April 1990, Mashpee students scored equal to or above the state average. In the California Tests of Basic Skills (C.T.B.S.) given to grades 2-8 in March 1990, the results in social studies are as follows: Grades 8, 59%; Grade 7, 54%; Grade 6, 53%; Grade 5, 57%; Grade 4, 53%; Grade 3, 57%; Grade 2, 70%.

## **LONG RANGE NEEDS**

1. To continue our efforts in developing a comprehensive curriculum for the teaching of Mashpee and Cape Cod history.
2. To continue to provide equality education in all disciplines of social studies in the face of rising enrollments and tighter budgetary constraints.
3. To increase the audio-visual social studies library at the elementary level.
4. To continue to make improvements, additions and deletions to the curriculum where necessary and feasible.
5. To take meaningful field trips that fit the curriculum at all grade levels.
6. To increase the use of computer software for students and teachers to enhance the current curriculum.
7. To establish and maintain a working professional library for social studies teachers and other interested persons.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION Program Profile**

Special Education is that area of education which provides for special needs students within or outside the Mashpee Public School System.

The purpose of special education is to provide flexible and uniform special education program opportunities for all special needs children requiring special services. The special needs child is one who is experiencing difficulties in the learning process. The difficulties may be caused by intelligence, sensory, emotional or physical factors; cerebral dysfunctions; perceptual factors or other specific

learning disabilities. The programs are adapted for the students' academic, psychological, physical and/or work experience needs. Some programs are geared to more than one of the previous areas depending on the interests, needs and abilities of the students.

The Mashpee Public Schools, through the Department of Special Education, provides programs and services in the following areas:

1. Hearing Impairment
2. Visually Limited
  - a. Blind
  - b. Partially Sighted
3. Behavioral Disorders
4. Developmental Disabilities
5. Learning Disabilities
6. Speech and Language Delays or Disabilities
7. Sensory-Motor Disabilities
8. Psychological Services
9. Home & Hospital Instruction

Students are placed in special education programs through the Team Evaluation process according to the Massachusetts Chapter 766 Regulation and Federal PL 94-142. Assessments that students are given by specialists working in the Mashpee Public Schools or reports from hospitals and other professional personnel are used at the Team Meeting. Each student receives an individual educational plan in which goals are written by team members to meet his or her interests, needs and abilities in order to receive special service from special needs personnel. The staff members in the Department of Special Education work in coordination with personnel from Human Services Agencies.

Mashpee Public Schools also provides in-service training for parents and special education personnel in assisting and informing them of programs and services which are available to students who require special education programs within or outside of the Mashpee Public Schools. Inservice is also provided all Mashpee Public School staff members on appropriate topics.

Every effort is made to service all students who require special education through the Team Evaluation process and through evaluations which determine the academic, psychological and social needs of students who have difficulty in regular education throughout the Mashpee Public Schools.

## STAFF

Elementary	Middle	Shared	Aides	Davis
7	7	4	2	2

## LONG RANGE NEEDS

1. To provide equipment, space, materials and staff to support the quality of programs in Mashpee as the school system grows.
2. To continue to meet the diverse and changing needs of special education students in the Town of Mashpee.

## Report of the

# Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District

Cape Cod Tech has experienced another exciting year of technical education under the direction of Timothy Carroll, Superintendent-Director. Although Educational Reform continues to make us ever mindful of proposed changes, we have continued to offer outstanding educational programs to our school population.

This was evidenced in VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) by the award of a gold medal on the state level and silver and bronze medals on the national level to Cape Cod Tech participants in competition with other vocational/technical students. Cape Cod Tech is ever grateful to the staff who sponsored the weekly Bingo games which supported the expenses of conferences and competition in VICA, FFA (Future Farmers of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and which also graciously donated toolships and scholarships for many of our graduates. During this past year twenty-two students representing all sending schools successfully completed the Pre-Vocational Program, fifty adult students received vocational/technical certificates from the Adult Training Program, four students participated in a pilot program called Re-Invest which is a new program for high school drop-outs. In addition, six students from three of Cape Cod Tech's sending schools participated in a new JEV Program (Joint Educational Venture) which allows students to attend a vocational/technical program each morning and then return to their sending schools for academic subjects. It is expected that enrollment in all of these specific programs will continue to increase in the future.

In conjunction with Cape Cod Community College, Cape Cod Tech has initiated a Management Tech Prep Program for students in grades 11-14 and is preparing to launch other four-year programs which will link the junior and senior years of high school with two years of postsecondary education. Tech prep programs combine academic learning with the mastery of technical and vocational skills to produce "high performance" graduates with an associate degree.

Competency-Based Vocational Education is in place for all vocational programs. Many Cape Cod Tech staff have participated on Super Teams sponsored by the Northeast Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities. Cape Cod Tech is one of seven schools in the northeastern part of the United States participating in Super Teams which is funded by a federal grant for the purpose of improving school climate, and many activities have taken place involving staff, students, parents, and community leaders. Cape Cod Tech graduated 102 students in 1992; 34% were placed in jobs in their trade, 27% pursued further education, 3% joined the armed forces, 15% were employed in positions out of their trade, and 27% were either at home with children or seeking employment.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bartley

David S. Terry

*Current School Committee members  
from the Town of Mashpee*

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## Report of the Personnel Board

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To the Board of Selectmen:

During calendar year 1992, there were 19 full-Board meetings and numerous partial-Board meetings related to specific projects and tasks, as well as meetings between individual Board members and managers and employees within various departments. The subjects of these meetings and discussions covered a wide spectrum:

- Staffing
- Employee Relations
- Conflict resolution
- Policy interpretation
- Job evaluation and position descriptions
- Performance evaluation
- Salary decisions

In the employment area, the ratio of the number of applications received to the number of position openings was quite high. Approximately 300 resumes and applications were screened, and 68 interviews were conducted to fill 13 positions:

- Secretarial (3)
- Clerical (4)
- Harbormaster (temporary)
- Shellfish Constable (temporary)
- Program Supervisor, Leisure Services
- Alternate Building Inspector
- Council on Aging Director
- Town Executive Secretary

The process of selecting a new executive secretary was an intensive one. Two members of the board worked closely with the Board of Selectmen in developing and working through a process that included input from Town management, and establishment of several criteria for candidate selection. Over 100 applications were screened and 12 preliminary candidates were interviewed. Bob Whritenour was selected from the four finalists who were invited back for a second interview.

During the latter part of the year, the process for selecting a new Leisure Services Director was begun. [The former director, Dean Driscoll, resigned in August.]

One of the results of the extensive compensation study conducted by Jane Stockbridge was the submission of two articles for the October annual Town meeting warrant. The articles, which recommended upgrades for two positions (Conservation Agent and the Administrative Clerk/Elections & Registration) were passed.

Preparation for the upcoming oral interviews for Police Sergeant promotions was initiated. The Board chairman will serve as a member of the interview panel.

Early in the year, the Board determined that it was time for a review of the Town's Personnel Administration Plan (P.A.P.). We saw the necessity for a two-pronged approach:

- (1) A review of our policies and procedures, to ensure their currency or need for change, and
- (2) a change to the Plan's format, to produce a more "user-friendly" document.

It became obvious that a systematic review of our policies would be made easier if the document was, first re-formatted. This was accomplished by mid year. A new edition of the Plan was issued in June. It contained no policy or procedural changes; rather, it was re-structured for easier reference, re-written for more clarity, and included a table of contents for the reader's convenience.

We have begun a review of the policies now in effect and expect this to be a major effort in 1993.

Jane Stockbridge, Robert Sullivan, and Leo Turo were re-appointed to the Board for two, three, and three years, respectively.

In August, Rita Sousa was elected by the Board to serve as chairman, replacing Bob Sullivan who remains a member of the Board. Jane Stockbridge was re-elected Board Clerk.

There is no area of Board activity in which Marilyn Farren's support and assistance is not present and freely given. Indeed, she is often the catalyst that drives much of the Board's activity. While Board membership changes through the years, Marilyn's continuing presence for nearly 12 years as the only member of the Personnel Department ensures a continuity in Personnel matters that would not otherwise be achieved.

That she is able to perform her many, varied, and demanding duties in so calm and efficient a manner is a source of continuing admiration and appreciation. The Board wishes to acknowledge her important contribution to the Board and to the Town.

Submitted by,

Rita E. Sousa, *Chairman*  
Jane Stockbridge, *Clerk*  
C. Ben Lofchie  
Robert W. Sullivan  
Leo Turo  
Marilyn P. Farren  
*Personnel Department*

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## Report of the Conservation Commission

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of the Town of Mashpee:

The year 1992 brought increased activities to the Mashpee Conservation Commission and Staff in spite of the continued decline in the National and Local economy. This resulted in an increase of over forty three percent (43%) in the number of filings submitted to the Commission (processing filings and applications to do work within 100 feet of a wetland resource area constitutes the bulk of our responsibility under the Wetlands Protection Act and our local Wetlands Protection Bylaw). Thus our capacity to carry out the full realm of our responsibilities has been diminished, and

this at a time when budget cuts have adversely impacted our ability to protect Mashpee's diverse and invaluable wetland resources. The largest increases are a result of the continued impact of the late 1991 major storms affecting filings and violations for wetland related construction projects, and Chapter 91 Amnesty permitting/licensing program.

The following is a summary of 1992 activities:

	1991	1992	Change
Notice of Intent (NOI)	165	170	3%
Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA)	55	75	36%
Hearings	245	349	43%
On-Site Inspections	468	562	20%
Telephone Consultations	5,246	5,528	5%
Enforcement	123 . . . . 88	(29%)	
Office Appointments/Consultations		72	
Office Walk-In Consultations		442	

Revenues in fees deposited to the Town Treasury:

	1991	1992	Change
General Fund	\$23,776	\$30,338	28%
Reserve Fund	9,520	14,675	54%
TOTAL	\$33,296	\$45,013	35%

The Commission, while having made significant progress this year in recovering from a backlog of enforcement cases and addressing storm damage from 1991, is still beset by lack of staff with which to pursue a multitude of needs. The case load for 1992 was at an all time high, with a corresponding burden of paper work that accompanied this expanded work load. The one area of decline, enforcement, is indicative of results possible when strict attention to codes and regulations are pursued and the public becomes aware of the need for compliance.

Most of the expanded levels of site-visits and hearings emanated from a combination of 1991 storm damage and the fact that the Chapter 91 Amnesty (licensing/permitting of previously unpermitted docks, floats, piers, and other coastal engineered structures) period which will be ending in October 1993. Although Chapter 91 is distinct from Chapter 131, Section 40 (the Mass. Wetlands Protection Act), the Amnesty Program channels most of the license/interim permit applications in to the Wetlands Act review process that the Commission is responsible for. This is expected to consume the Commission's time with increases in filings as many will seek the permits before the October deadline

this year. In addition, a large amount of damage is apparent to docks, piers, floats, coastal structures and natural coastal (geomorphic) features caused by the 1991 storms. Whether addressed legally or illegally, replacements and/or repairs of such items will significantly increase the Commission's work load. Should this materialize and continue to add to the work load, additional clerical hours and additional help for the Agent will be required to meet mandated response time for filings.

The cranberry receipts for calendar year 1991 were \$30,379.64. The 1992 payment is being reviewed, and the long-term lease that expired at the end of 1992 is in the bid process, and negotiations for the purchase of the existing irrigation system with the present lessee are in process by the Board of Selectmen.

The Conservation Commission proposed and the Voters of the Town of Mashpee approved the following changes and/or additions to the Town By-Laws and Regulations:

- Reductions in filing fees of several categories to reduce the financial burden to residents contemplating projects in Wetland areas.
- New regulations to cover areas of Land Subject to Coastal Flooding.
- To discontinue use of the firing range at the John's Pond Recreation Area to eliminate potential liabilities to the Town.
- Provide simplified and minimum cost reviews for implementing low or no impact projects.
- Emergency regulations for the Town of Mashpee for use after occurrences such as the major storms of 1991 that will minimize problems not covered or specific to local interest in the State Emergency regulations enacted for such events.

The Commission was pleased to assist the Herring Warden, Leigh Potter, in preparing filings for work to clear the Mill Pond and the Headwaters of the Mashpee River. We again commend and thank Leigh, his volunteers and the Mashpee DPW for this work and their efforts in maintaining all streams and rivers for access by the herring, and for everyone's recreational use and enjoyment.

Under the direction of Renee King Fudala, a committee of volunteers, the Mashpee Conservation Corps has been created to do much needed work on Conservation lands. The group has been working to make trails, to control erosion and to enhance wildlife habitat.

Changes to membership of the Commission during the year resulted in the loss of Patrick Coffey, Vice Chairman in 1991, resulting from his position with the Mashpee Planning Board. The Commission thanks him for his extremely qualified service; he will be sorely missed. John Johansen (in addition to his volunteer work) was appointed as an associate Commission member, and the Commission finally realized full staffing of Commission membership in December 1992 with the addition of Paul Averett, whom we would like to welcome aboard. The Commission remains in need of volunteer help, as much remains to be done to more adequately protect our threatened wetlands resources. Vacancies on the Commission are sure to arise; we welcome inquiries from those who share our concerns and dedication to natural resource protection.

The Commission was pleased to see the positive results of the recent survey by the Town Planner showing a majority of the Citizens of Mashpee identifying our wetlands (both inland and coastal resources) as the most important priority to be protected and maintained as an asset to our community. We recognize that the large amount of wetlands and conservation lands entrusted to our responsibilities (3,700 acres of the total of Mashpee's 16,680 acres) for protection, preservation and maintenance for future generations to enjoy, are deemed of such significant value to the community, and we assure the Mashpee Citizens that we will continue to work diligently and aggressively to protect and preserve this vital resource.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Desrosiers, *Chairperson*  
Susana Lannik, *Vice Chairperson*  
Gertrude Simmons-Ferriday, *Clerk*  
Frank (Dan) Homeyer  
\*Renee King Fudala  
Kathy Terrio  
Paul Averett  
V. Louise Behrman, *Associate Member*  
Jack Fitzsimmons, *Associate Member*  
John Johansen, *Associate Member*  
Robert Sherman, *Agent*  
Diana Lund, *Administrative Secretary*  
Aqua O'Hara, *Clerk*

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## Report of the Department of Public Works

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of the Town of Mashpee:

During the course of 1992, the Department of Public Works re-established a priority of drainage and road improvements while performing normal maintenance along town owned roads, buildings, beaches and parks.

The winter of 1991-1992 was mild. We responded to nineteen snow and ice events, keeping within our snow and ice budget of \$105,250.00.

In preparation for new construction at the senior citizens' center, we removed and transplanted trees and shrubs. After construction, the parking lot was patched.

Fiber reinforced asphalt crack repairs were done to route 130, South Sandwich Road, Red Brook Road, Cotuit Road, Meetinghouse Road and Ashers Path. The intersection of Ashers Path and Route 28 was re-aligned and completed. Line painting along town owned roads was finished in the spring.

The interior and exterior of the DPW building, now 8 years old, was repainted for the first time. The parking lot was repaired and completed by resurfacing with 1-1/2 inches of asphalt.

The Little Neck Bay Homeowners Association contracted with the Department of Public Works to provide road and drainage repairs.

We provided testimony at the State House and supported the local legislative effort to provide Gas Tax Funds to revert back to the cities and towns. In Mashpee we will receive \$107,521.00 from the Gas Tax in FY93 for the first time since 1988.

There were two sizeable road conversion projects that converted the following roads to town roads:

Quaker Run Road	Timberlane Road
Light House Lane	Jackbon Road
Bayberry Road	Briar Patch Lane
Cranberry Lane	Deerfoot Circle
Deer Ridge Road	Edgewater Road
Fawn Road	Mayflower Road
	Santuit Pond Road

These projects were completed with DPW Personnel and Subcontractors within the budget of \$4,000.00 per lot. The Betterment Principal Per Property Owner varied from \$2,758.23 for the Quaker Run-Timberlane Road Project to \$2,035.22 for the Santuit Pond Estates Project.

The Department is pleased to provide this information. We feel that our accomplishments have been beneficial and look forward to the challenge of another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Taylor, *Director*  
*Department of Public Works*

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## Report of the Historical Commission

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of the Town of Mashpee:

The Historical Commission has continued its work in recording and documenting the history of Mashpee. Members are involved in "digging out" facts about people and families, places and events in the long history of the community that was described in the *1890 Gazateer of the State of Massachusetts* as "an Indian town having 66 dwelling houses, 71 legal voters and 311 inhabitants." The growth of Mashpee, with an increase of over three thousand percent since that time, brings an important challenge to those recording its history, "the chronological record of significant events." Documentation and preservation of historical information on Mashpee is a task and a challenge that all members of the Commission take very seriously. The amount of work that is done, and the information that is being assembled, in light of the small budget with which the Commission operates, is an accomplishment of which we are proud.

We augmented our budget this year with special funds by conducting a raffle of tickets to a Boston Red Sox baseball game in Boston. Tickets were donated by Continental Cablevision. Funds raised were used to purchase a computer table, and to replace the worn window curtains in the Archives Building which remained from the old Public Library when the Commission moved into the building in 1988.

Because we felt that residents and summer visitors might like to learn "first hand" about Mashpee's history from some of the residents who were in the community in the early 1900s, a series of lectures was arranged for the month of July. New Seabury Corporation donated the use of the hall at Popponessett known as Captain Bellamy's Meeting House. Four lectures on successive Friday evenings were held, under the umbrella title MASHPEE: OUR TOWN. We were pleased with the turnout and the interest. Two of the speakers were of Wampanoag ancestry, and gave the audience an insight

into the Mashpee they knew with memories and photographs. A scientist described the extensive work a professional archaeological team performed at the Willowbend Site, identified as "a prehistoric cold weather encampment." Stories about trout fishing on the Mashpee River gave another dimension to life in Mashpee. The cooperation and support of the Mashpee Chamber of Commerce, and the New Seabury Corporation were important to the success of the lecture series.

This year we were extremely fortunate in having a computer donated to the Commission by Mashpee businessman, James Vaccaro. It is "in place" and is being used. The computer will facilitate much of our work in the future. We anticipate being able to place titles of all of our "holdings" on computer for easy and quick identification and reference.

Our membership in the Cape and Islands Historical Association continues, and we will participate, along with other Cape Cod towns, in "Cape Heritage '93" a week-long observation being planned for June 1993 to recognize the history of many Cape Cod towns.

The Vertical File of newspaper clippings is current. We are also transferring clippings from the "Selectmen's Scrapbooks" for the years 1973-1983, into the Vertical File. This is a slow process, but will enhance the file because in many instances a newspaper story is the only source of some events in Mashpee during those years.

A research study was launched this year by Joanne Ferragamo, Commission member, on the postal service in Mashpee. What began as "a bit of research" has now developed into a major project. The extensive research will be assembled into an illustrated history of this phase of Mashpee's life, which the Commission plans to publish in 1993.

In March, the members of the Commission met with the Board of Selectmen and presented a proposal: PROPOSAL FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MASHPEE ON MAY 28, 1870. This is a recommendation that the townspeople, led by the Selectmen, observe the time as a reason for celebration. All types of activities should be planned throughout 1995 which will cause natives and newcomers alike to pause and reflect on Mashpee's past and anticipate Mashpee's future.

The additions to the Archives shelves of books on Cape Cod and Mashpee and its early settlers has continued, as more and more general interest seems to be focusing on the early history of the Cape. Acquisitions include a very rare volume - *The Aborigines: 1620 and After* by Frederick Freeman published in 1878; and *Cape Cod on Trial*, by Jack Campisi which gives a look-back at the

Indian land suit. *Clambake: A Wampanoag Tradition*, by Russell Peters, beautifully illustrated with color photos; and several small volumes for young readers, including *POW WOW* by Linda Coombs are now available. These volumes, and others are available for review, reading and study in the building, since none circulate.

Budget restrictions have forced us to cut back on the services of our adviser and consultant, Charlotte Price, the Archivist at the Nickerson Memorial Room, Cape Cod Community College Library, who has served ably for the past few years. We hope to renew her association with us in the near future.

Our two "Volunteers in Government Service" made available by the Personnel Department, continue their association with the Commission: Jeanne DeClerck, our "Special Assistant" who has many helpful roles; and Robert Lynch who is researching the history of Seconsett Island.

The photo file continues to grow slowly, and greater participation is needed both in donation of photos and help in identification.

We express the hope that soon we will be able to be "open to the public" for more than one day a week. During the year many individuals visited the Archives in search of information and to do research. In August fifteen children with two counselors from the Massachusetts Audubon Society Day Camp came in to look at the videotape on "Clambake". Our videotape library was augmented by the gift of a group of tapes on Mashpee donated by Continental Cablevision.

Our enthusiasm has not diminished. Our commitment is continuing. We look forward with hope and optimism to increasing interest in our activities on the part of Mashpee citizens. We will continue to document the past, and the present, for today's citizens and those of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Burns  
Joanne Ferragamo  
Ernestine Gray  
Frank Hicks  
Hazel Oakley  
Marie Scalley  
Ann Tanneyhill, *Chairperson*  
*Mashpee Historical Commission*

## Report of the Council on Aging

Nineteen hundred and ninety-two marks a year of transition growth and rejuvenation for the Mashpee Council on Aging.

Grateful appreciation is extended to the Mashpee Housing Authority and the Frank J. Homeyer Housing Complex for hosting the staff throughout the reconstruction process of the Senior Community Center.

As activities and programs were rendered homeless during the renovation, Mashpee Village, Mashpee Public Library, and local churches took our active seniors under their wings.

Special appreciation is offered to Dr. Lincoln DeMoura and the Mashpee School Administration for sponsoring the Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels programs. Mr. Charles Liberty and the staff at the Mashpee Middle School sheltered our diners and Walker Talkers coffee klatch. The school children, themselves, added a joyful dimension in the lives of elder participants. Memories of the "School Days" will linger in the hearts of all.

Shirley Peter, Nutrition Manager, and Theresa Davignon, Assistant Nutrition Manager, and the corp of nutrition volunteers excel in their efforts to provide quality service and care to Mashpee senior citizens.

Lynne Waterman, Outreach Coordinator, deserves recognition for efforts beyond the call of duty to hold a steady course for the COA staff during the period of transition. Her dedication on behalf of the isolated and frail elders of Mashpee are to be commended.

Enhancing the Outreach Program is a title III grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands for a Respite Care Program. Coordinated by Julia Lucy, the project is designed to provide discretionary time to primary caregivers of older adults.

To compliment the Council on Aging staff, supplemental assistance is provided by Senior Aides,

Joan Audette and Lillian Fischer; and Elder Service Corp. Volunteer, Jenny Morris. They deserve recognition for their service and initiative to remain productive older adults.

The Senior Community joined together, throughout the year, in lucrative fundraising endeavors which will be used to enhance the Senior Community Center over the months ahead.

The Building Committee has worked long and hard to bring the project to fruition, a remodeling task not envied by many. Their commitment is deeply appreciated.

The Friends of the Mashpee Council on Aging are, without a doubt, a beacon of sincere dedication and industriousness. They set an example among their peers for their vision. The little Thrift Shop by the side of the road paved the way for the Senior Center, as we see it today.

As a department within Town Government, the Council on Aging wishes to acknowledge the guidance and support of the Board of Selectmen, and all other Town Departments. Each, throughout the year, has lent a helping hand on our behalf.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of all Council on Aging Senior Center programming. Their numbers are many, their contributions are immeasurable, the results are never under-appreciated.

Nineteen hundred and ninety-two marks a year of transition, growth, rejuvenation ... and heartfelt thanks to one and all.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Mashpee Council on Aging*

Betty Jones, *Chairman/Secretary*

Miriam Mullin, *Vice Chairman*

Robert Osborn, *Treasurer*

Auror Bird

James Hendrick

Frank Hicks

Arthur Weinstein

Christine Donovan, *Director*



MASHPEE SENIOR CENTER  
&  
THRIFT SHOP



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## Report of the Leisure Service Department

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of the Town of Mashpee:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending  
December 31, 1992:

The year of 1992 ended the third full year of operation of the realigned Leisure Services Department, and an exciting year of growth of services provided to town residents occurred. During this time, the role of the department expanded within the community, with additional programs being implemented. The year saw development in areas of recreation, education, youth sports, lifeskills, and personal growth.

Regretfully, our Director for the past 3 years, Dean Driscoll, left our services for a very distinguished spot with a national athletic shoe company. We wish him much success, and we are grateful for his dedicated service. In addition, retiring after many dedicated years of service was our Administrative Clerk, Mae Lofchie. We wish her the best of luck in her "Leisure" time.

During the summer of 1992, Mashpee again was unable to financially support lifeguard coverage at any of the three beaches in town - South Cape, John's Pond, and Attaquin Park. However, with the economy showing signs of relief, it is expected that a full contingent of Guards will be back in place during the Summer of 1993, including the much needed Youth Swim lessons.

Throughout the year, a number of residents took part in special trips that took them "off Cape" to some very interesting and entertaining places - from skiing at Gunstock Mtn., to music at Tanglewood, shopping in Freeport, Maine, and to the Tall Ships Regatta in Boston.

Educational programs were offered through the Community School which entailed programs from languages, accounting, Adult Literacy, G.E.D., to Introduction to Computers, and study skills development for teens. In addition, personal growth and lifeskills programs such as Stop Smoking, Cake decorating, Bird Carving, Piano/Guitar/Banjo lessons, Safe Boating, CPR, and a bicycle rodeo were highlights.

Recreational and fitness programs that were well attended were: Jazzercise, Golf lessons, High School and Adult Basketball, Tai Chi, Tennis, and Badminton. The 3rd Annual Super Swim on John's Pond was a great success thanks to the help of Bob Sullivan, as over 30 swimmers took part in the 1 mile and 3 mile marathons.

Special emphasis was given to Youth programs this year as over 25 children a week are being cared for in our after-school Kids' Klub being professionally run by Peg Geary and Barb Dolan. Leisure Services also sponsored a Parent/Child Sports Night, Puppet Night, 11th Annual Sandcastle Competition, and Youth Basketball. We are also proud of our support for the Mashpee Little League Baseball and Soccer Programs.

Special thanks should go to the support staff of the Leisure Service Department for their dedicated support, enthusiasm, and inspiration:

Eiblis Cazeault - Program Supervisor  
Elizabeth Jones - Administrative Clerk  
Jean Young - Administrative Clerk

In addition, I would like to thank the following for their continued assistance in helping us to provide the citizens of Mashpee a better quality of life: D.P.W., Fire & Rescue Department, Police Department, Town Clerk's Office, Mashpee Little League, Youth Soccer, Friends of Mashpee Youth, and Mashpee Commons. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers in helping to provide programs and special events.

Respectfully submitted,

Augustus C. Frederick, Jr.  
*Leisure Service Director*

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## Report of the South Cape Beach State Park Advisory Committee

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of the Town of Mashpee:

The South Cape Beach State Park Advisory Committee ("Committee") at its monthly meetings during the year 1992 considered and made various recommendations relative to the use of the South Cape Beach State Park ("Park") which will be discussed later in this report.

### GREAT OAK ROAD

As stated in my 1991 Annual Report, the Department of Environmental Management ("DEM") is obligated pursuant to its Agreement of December 27, 1990 with the Town to provide to the Town \$620,000 of which up to \$580,000 is to be used by the Town to improve Great Oak Road and \$40,000 is for reimbursement to the Town for monies already expended in correcting a major encroachment of Great Oak Road on land known as the Kennedy property.

There were several prerequisites that had to be met before these monies would be available to the "Town": (i) appropriate language inserted in fiscal 1993 budget and approval by the Legislature; (ii) compliance with the MEPA requirements and process and the filing of the appropriate certificate. With reference to (i), Representative Thomas Cahir and Senator Henri Rauschenbach were successful in having inserted in the fiscal 1993 budget the appropriate language authorizing the transfer of subject monies which was thereafter approved by both Houses of the Legislature thus making the funds available to the "Town" when needed.

With reference to (ii), there were several problems that had to be resolved in order to attain full compliance with the MEPA process, namely, (a) due to the apparent misreading of the Great Oak Road Construction Agreement it was erroneously misconstrued that the "Road" was to be reconstructed with a completed realignment of its right of way so as to conform to the paper right of way on record at the Barnstable Land Court thus posing various environmental problems. That in fact was not the case. The "Agreement" required an improvement of the "Road" consistent with the right of way as presently used and travelled. Accordingly a "Notice of Project Change" had to be filed and processed on order to correct the erroneous interpretation aforesaid. (b) Additionally, the original Environmental Report included the construction in the New Town Beach of a visitors center, its lavatories, facilities and supplying

good water thus raising septic problems and environmental issues. "DEM" and the "Town" agreed to defer the aforementioned development of the uplands at this time and inserting such change in the "Notice of Project Change" thus eliminating these issues. It is however, understood that the construction of a visitors center and sanitary facilities at the New Town Beach are to be addressed in a supplemental report prepared later and then constructed.

This "Notice of Project Change" was published in the Environmental Monitor on April 7, 1992 and later approved by Janet McCabe, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Impact Review, thereby authorizing "'DEM' to proceed with improvement of Great Oak Road and fund its improvements so long as there is not relocation of the 'Road.'".

Although it appears that the "Town" could now proceed to improve Great Oak Road there were several concerns which Greg Taylor, the Director of Public Works, presented to the "Committee." He cited an area where Great Oak Road has a fairly sharp curve thereby posing a potential public safety concern to pedestrians and cyclists; he further referred to four other particular areas where he felt it would be preferable to move slightly outside of the road as travelled and thus avoid the need of any eminent domain proceedings or monetary settlements with private property owners. He also asserted the desire of the Board of Selectmen to construct at this time a bicycle path on Great Oak Road, a position which the "Committee" has at all times fully supported and encouraged provided there are sufficient monies for this purpose which appears unlikely.

Nick Vontzalides, "DEM" counsel, and the "Committee" expressed concern that any deviation from the 1990 Great Oak Road Construction Agreement could potentially cost substantial monies in excess of that currently authorized and might also affect MEPA's approval and/or require further filings thus further delaying the improvement of the "Road."

A meeting was first held with MEPA on July 20, 1992 to discuss these issues. An on-site inspection was held to determine what impact, if any, the proposed modifications would have relative to wetlands areas. At MEPA's request, Mr. Taylor is to prepare or have prepared plans showing the proposed changes from the original plans for review by MEPA and the "Committee."

### NEW TOWN BEACH

The funds necessary to construct the New Town Beach, McGregor Road and parking area were authorized some time ago but have not been released due to the serious economic plight of the Commonwealth and the need for funds for other projects of greater priority to "DEM."

At a "Committee" meeting held in May of 1992, "DEM" Commissioner Peter Webber assured the "Committee" that the development of the New Town Beach in accordance with the New Town Beach Construction Agreement was an obligation he fully recognized and was committed to but felt that realistically it probably could not be done within the next fiscal year. The funds for the construction are there, and no further legislation is required but as he stated "we are waiting for fiscal year spending authority for their release." The "Committee" will be meeting with Commissioner Webber shortly to discuss the present status of this matter.



*South Cape Beach*

## HUNTING

In 1992, the "Committee" again considered whether or not hunting should be permitted within the "Park" during the 1992-1993 season. Hunting is not a permitted use under the terms of the June 19, 1981 Agreement, but Town by-laws do not prohibit such activity. Again, as in the past nine years, the "Committee" considered the sensitive issue as to whether or not hunting was compatible and consistent with the current use of the "Park" in its present undeveloped state. The report of Richard Fleming, Supervisor of the "Park," was presented to the "Committee." It appears that during the 1991-1992 hunting season there had not been any major problems or incidents nor injuries to persons; that the number of hunters averaged between 75 and 100 during the seasons, and that there was little or no environmental impact; that the "Park" was reasonably well supervised, and hunter "safety zone" signs were again placed in prominent areas to protect the public, and the situation was basically unchanged from the prior year.

It was the consensus of the majority of the members that the "Park" is not yet developed to a point where the "Committee" could foresee any conflict between regulated hunting and current "Park" use and activities. This recommendation is again probational, and will be reviewed and reconsidered each year as the "Park" develops or as the situation may otherwise change.

## OTHER MATTERS

There were discussions at "Committee" meetings relative to vandalism at the Hall House located at the end of Wills Work Road. Although there was a large metal gate erected at the beginning of Wills Work Road which "DEM" was reluctant to keep closed Christine Gault, Regional Manager for Webber, stated they did not have enough staff to monitor the gate. Also discussed were problems relating to the unauthorized use of 4 wheel drive vehicles on South Cape Beach and specifically in nesting Plover and Tern areas thus endangering the species.

The "Committee" recommended that increased police presence be encouraged; that signs be posted in appropriate areas prohibiting use of 4 wheel drive vehicles in area and also increased public protection as a means of reducing vandalism and driving on the beach.

Additionally, the "Committee" is participating with Christine Gault to solicit and encourage persons to help manage this property on a volunteer basis, to learn and enforce the conditions that are needed to be met to keep the gates permanently open for full use of the area to hopefully curb dumping, vandalism, etc.

The issues of whether trapping and dog training within the "Park" were presented to the "Committee" and by majority vote, were prohibited.

Chairman Kirsner, during the year 1992, made the following "Committee" appointments:

Jerry Monaghan - Subcommittee to Develop Local Comprehensive Plan.

Catherine E. Conroy - Committee Representative to attend and report on Selectmen's meetings.

William Martiros - Committee Representing Site Inspection of Great Oak Road.

During the year 1992, Henry Urquhart, a long-standing and invaluable member of the "Committee" resigned. His dedication and service in fulfillment of the objectives of the "Committee" will be missed.

Recently Patrick Ellis was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be the Sandwich Representative.

Regular meetings of the "Committee" are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall. As in the past, the public is urged to attend and express its opinions and views as to all phases of the overall use, development and management of the "Park."

Barbara Gannon has been the secretary to the "Committee" for the past seven years. She has most capably and efficiently performed all her responsibilities, and her interest and performance on behalf of the "Committee" have been outstanding.

Thomas Abbott, Falmouth representative of the "Committee" continues as the "Committee's" representative to the Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee.

I, on behalf of the "Committee," take this opportunity to thank both Senator Henri Rauschenbach and Representative Thomas Cahir for their overall efforts and cooperation. Representative Cahir has been particularly active and his efforts and contributions have been invaluable. The "Committee" also expresses its thanks and gratitude to the Selectmen, the Executive Secretary, Gregory Taylor, Director of Public Works, Town Officers and personnel, and Town Counsel for their cooperation, and to the many public-spirited citizens who have been of invaluable assistance to the "Committee."



*Punkhorn Point*

I also take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Commissioner Peter C. Webber, Mark Cullinan, Chief Engineer of "DEM," Nicholas A. Vontzalides, Attorney for "DEM," and the ex-officio non-voting members, as well as other "DEM" and State Representatives.

Again, as in the past, I cannot say enough for the members of the "Committee," present and past, who have unselfishly and devotedly given their time and consideration to the South Cape Beach matter. As I have said so many times, it is a privilege and rewarding experience to be associated with these people who are deeply and sincerely attuned to the best interests of the Town.

The present constituency of the voting members of the "Committee" is as follows:

Morris Kirsner, Esquire	Chairman
Chester Koblinsky	Vice Chairman
Jerry Monaghan	
William Martiros	
Catherine E. Conroy	
C. Ben Lofchie	
Francis H. LeBaron	
Bruce McHenry	Barnstable Representative
Thomas Abbott	Falmouth Representative
Patrick Ellis	Sandwich Representative

The four ex-officio non-voting members are:

Senator Henri Rauschenbach	Cape & Islands Senatorial District
Representative Thomas Cahir	Third Barnstable Representative District
Pam Rubinoff	Representative of Office of Coastal Zone Management
Philip Coates	Representative of Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement

Respectfully submitted,

Morris Kirsner, Esq., *Chairman*  
*South Cape Beach State Park Advisory Committee*

